

December 6, 2005

The Honorable Mayor and City Council
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

RE: COYOTE VALLEY SPECIFIC PLAN – AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGY

Dear Mayor and City Council:

On October 25, 2005 the Housing Advisory Commission (HAC) held a Special Meeting to discuss and recommend key elements for an Affordable Housing Strategy in Coyote Valley. The Departments of Housing and Planning, Building and Code Enforcement provided the Commission with an overview of the Housing Focus Group's discussion and work, along with an explanation of the objectives set by the Mayor and City Council.

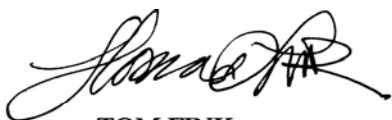
Based on this meeting, the Commission developed parameters for an Affordable Housing Strategy and at its November 10, 2005 regular meeting, approved a list of six objectives for consideration by the City Council and Coyote Valley Specific Plan Task Force.

The objectives unanimously adopted by the Housing Advisory Commission are attached. The Commission feels strongly that there should be an appropriate balance of truly affordable housing and, secondly, that these units should be distributed throughout the Coyote Valley and built alongside market rate units.

The Commission urges the City Council to ensure that these objectives are incorporated into the final development of a Specific Plan. The hallmark of the Coyote Valley vision has been sustainability, environmental sensitivity and design that integrates development with the natural landscape. An equitable social vision will also be critical to the success of the new community. We think these objectives help to further those goals.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at (408) 386-8907 if you have any further questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



TOM FINK
Housing Advisory Commission, Chair

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